

USE OF ENGLISH 1

- 1 Read the grammar box. Can you think of some more examples of your own for each type of article?

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articles

- A** We can use *the* + adjective in a limited number of cases, to mean a particular group of people.
the rich (and famous), **the** poor, **the** young, **the** faint-hearted, **the** British, **the** French, etc.
- B** Zero article is normally used in front of uncountable nouns or plural nouns, unless we are referring to a specific case.
The ultimate place ... would be **hidden beaches**.
The beach I chose is in a fantastic cove ...
You need to have **passion** for the craft of writing.
You must work on **the quality of your writing**.
- C** *a/an* and *the* are often used in set phrases or expressions. These need to be learnt individually.
be over the moon, go on a couple of trips, it's a good idea to become an expert in a certain area, visiting new places gave me a buzz

- 2 What is your ideal kind of holiday? Why?
- 3 **e** Read the magazine article and choose the word that best fits each gap. Choose from 'a', 'an' or 'the' or zero article (-).

Why do people travel?



If you talk to ¹..... your friends or listen to ²..... other people planning trips, you'll soon realise that everyone has very different motives for ³..... travel. Some people like to choose places where they might bump into ⁴..... rich and famous on the beach, Mykonos in Greece, for example. Others want to drown themselves in ⁵..... art and ⁶..... history, as well as ⁷..... beauty of historical architecture such as you find in ⁸..... places like Rome and Venice. Or they might prefer ⁹..... 21st-century craziness and vibe of New York or Tokyo!

People who are into physical activities often choose ¹⁰..... particular destination because they want ¹¹..... challenge. They want to ride a motorbike across ¹²..... empty desert somewhere or cut their way through dangerous jungle undergrowth. The reasons for ¹³..... travel are endless. However, one thing is sure, in my opinion: you simply can't beat ¹⁴..... day on ¹⁵..... beach!

- 4 Complete the quiz by filling the gaps (1–10) with 'a', 'an' or 'the' or zero article (-) and writing your own D options. Then ask and answer your quiz questions in pairs and try to guess each other's perfect destination.

Quiz-time!

Where's your perfect destination?
Think about a place you would really like to travel to and answer the questions.

- 1 Why do you want to go there?
A to meet ¹..... people there
B to see ²..... country
C to learn ³..... language
D ?
- 2 What is special about it?
A It has ⁴..... fantastic food.
B I have ⁵..... relatives there.
C It's easy to get to.
D ?
- 3 What can you NOT say about it?
A It has a lot of ⁶..... culture.
B It's ⁷..... real shopping experience.
C There are loads of activities.
D ?
- 4 Which is true for you?
A I love ⁸..... hot places.
B I can't stand ⁹..... heat.
C ¹⁰..... beach parties are cool!
D ?

Speak up

- 5 What does your country have to offer visitors? Is it more a winter or a summer destination – or both? Discuss.



2 On the bucket list

USE OF ENGLISH 2

1 Quickly read the newspaper article about Everest.

- Why did Alyssa fail twice to climb Everest?
- What is the effect of mass tourism on the region?

2 Read the vocabulary box. Choose the correct collocations each time in the newspaper article.

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collocations (2)

Collocations can also be topic-related and this is another good way to learn them. Here are a few examples.

global warming, natural disaster, take risks, run into problems, foreign visitors, huge impact, local environment, bring in money, provide jobs, do a lot of harm

Facing Everest

In May 2016 at the age of 19, Alyssa Azar became the youngest Australian to climb Mount Everest. She had 'run over / run into' various problems before, caused by a series of 'natural / normal' disasters, but she finally achieved her 'goal / hope' on her third 'trial / attempt'. She was always very careful and she knew that it was no 'worth / use' taking 'risks / measures'. She and her party were always prepared to turn back at the first 'opportunity / sign' of any problem.

Many other people share Alyssa's desire to conquer Everest. However, 'major / mass' tourism is now 'bringing / having' a huge impact on the region and this may eventually 'create / cause' severe damage to the ecology of the mountain. The area simply can't 'cope / handle' with 100,000 walkers and climbers every year. Perhaps people will have to think 'twice / before' about following that ambition to climb the world's highest mountain?

3 Quickly read the text about Venice. What is the main problem that Venice is facing as a city?

exam tip: multiple-choice cloze

Read the text quickly first to get the general idea before you try to answer the questions. This will help you to 'get a feel' of the text and to choose the correct answers. Then check for possible collocations.

Read question 2 in Ex 4. Which verb collocates with the word 'with'? Try each of the alternatives to find the correct answer.

4 e Read the exam tip and answer the question. Then read the text again and choose the best answer, A, B, C or D.

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 A time | B season | C group | D attraction |
| 2 A cope | B handle | C manage | D accept |
| 3 A Enormous | B Huge | C Large | D Mass |
| 4 A win | B make | C take | D work |
| 5 A result | B consequence | C impact | D conclusion |
| 6 A quality | B value | C importance | D worth |
| 7 A give | B produce | C prevent | D cause |
| 8 A fail | B destroy | C collapse | D finish |

Crisis in Venice!

Venice, as most people would agree, is one of the most romantic and attractive cities in the world. And it is still possible to have a lovely holiday there, preferably outside the main tourist '1.....'! However, residents are finding it increasingly difficult to '2.....' with the 22 million visitors that invade their city every year. '3.....' tourism has become a serious problem.

While it is true that many local inhabitants actually '4.....' a living from tourism, it cannot be denied that the number of visitors is having a negative '5.....' on the city. Both the '6.....' of life of the residents and the buildings themselves are suffering. The giant cruise ships entering the lagoon make the water rush through the canals and '7.....' damage to the buildings. If this continues, there is a real danger that Venice at some point will '8.....' into the sea! This must not be allowed to happen, at all costs!